

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JOHN M. M. CALDWELL, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

August 6, 1997

A. CALL TO ORDER

The August 6, 1997, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by John M. M. Caldwell, Sr., Board President.

James Albert Riley, the DeSoto County Sheriff was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Jessie Medlin-----District 1
Eugene C. Thach-----District 2
James D. Pearson-----District 3, Absent
John Caldwell-----District 4
Tommy Lewis-----District 5
W. E. "Sluggo" Davis-----Chancery Clerk
James Albert Riley-----Sheriff
Clovis Reed-----County Administrator
William H. Austin, Jr.-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Supervisor Eugene Thach.

C. APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES

The official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of July, 1997. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Supervisor's for July, 1997 as presented this date pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James Pearson-----Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

D. PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission brought several items before the Board of Supervisors as evidenced by the portion of the minutes submitted by the Planning Commission. **SEE EXHIBIT D.**

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Appointments

This item was held over. **See Exhibit E.1.**

2. Report From Committee on Petition For Public Road

This item was held over. **See Exhibit E.2.**

3. Load Limits For DeSoto County Roads

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to hire the Austin Law Firm to legally clean up the language in the proposed ordinance dealing with load limits and for Mr. Austin to work with the County Engineer and the Road Manager to finalize the details of this ordinance. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----	Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----	Yes
Supervisor James Pearson-----	Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----	Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----	Yes

See Exhibit E.3.

4. Purchase of Tractor on State Bid

The Board Attorney explained that you can buy the tractor on the state contract, but the tractor has to be the same brand. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if they have to match the price. The Board Attorney said the stipulation only applies to things for which you purchase tags. Mr. Austin said that according to Don Buffin, Director of Purchasing for State Contracts, the base price for the tractor would be \$21,200.00 and said that features including front tires had been added to the specifications. Mr. Austin reports that the quoted price from Ford-New Holland would have to change from \$28,948.00 to \$27,215.00. According to Mr. Buffin, that is the price the County should pay for the tractor.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the Board had authorized the Road Manager to advertise for this tractor in the spring. The Chancery Clerk, Sluggo Davis said the Board authorized the Road Manager to do the specs for the tractor. Supervisor Lewis said that with an estimated delivery date of 180 days, he could not support this purchase at this time. Supervisor Lewis said by the time the tractor was delivered, the need for the tractor to work on the grass cutting and other duties associated with grass cutting would be past. No motion was made on the item.

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5. Dale Thompson - Bills Held Over

This item was held over

**6. Contracts to be Made part of Board Minutes:
- Water Cooler for Family & Children Services (With Approval of a Budget Amendment to Pay For This)**

This item was held over. See Exhibit E.6.

7. Inventory Control - Copy Machine

The Board of Supervisors were given a list of equipment owned by the county that is either unrepairable or not cost effective to repair. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion to accept receipts from the Inventory Clerk pursuant to Section 31-7-107 of the Mississippi Code and did approve the disposition on the report as noted on Exhibit E.7. Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James Pearson-----Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

EXHIBIT E.7.

8. Justice Court Renovation - Contractor's Application For Payment #5

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, reported to the Board of Supervisors that the contractor has fixed the doors at the new Justice Court Building. Mr. Reed said the Jimmy Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, is looking at the locks and asked the Board Attorney if the retainer could be held, after the list of problems has been taken care of. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the Architect, Marvin Johnson knew the locks were keyed differently, or if he specified they be keyed alike. Supervisor Lewis said if this was not specified, the County could not force the Contractor to change the locks now. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said his concern was that the locks that are there were not locking properly.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to pay the contractor, Wells Construction, their final draw as requested at \$34,541.30 for their work in the Justice Court Renovation project. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James Pearson-----Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

See Exhibit C.8.

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9. Monthly Work Schedule

This item was deleted from the agenda as it was handled in the meeting dated August 4, 1997. See **Exhibit E.9**.

10. FY1998 Proposed Budget

County Administrator Clovis Reed told the Board of Supervisors that he will deliver the reporting indicating line items. Mr. Reed said he did a summary for the Sheriff's Budget, and passed out this report. (See Exhibit E.10). Mr. Reed pointed out that the majority of extra money in the Sheriff's Department budget went to personnel. Mr. Reed said the Sheriff's budget was amended this budget year from 4.7 million to 4.769 million with prisoner medical costs being the majority of that increase. Mr. Reed compared the recommended budget of 5.035 to the requested budget of 5.272. Mr. Reed estimated that the Sheriff's Department will have approximately \$100,000 to turn back to the County from excess in their budget. The County Administrator said future budgets in the Sheriff's Department should grow at a much lower level. See **Exhibit E.10**.

F. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Board of Supervisors.

G. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Clovis Reed

a. Approval of Travel Voucher

The County Administrator requested approval of the travel vouchers from the Board Attorney, and the County Administrator himself for their travel to the Mississippi Gulf Coast to the recent convention. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the travel voucher for the County Administrator in the amount of \$179.00, and the Board Attorney in the amount of \$375.60. The **motion passed** with a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----	Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----	Yes
Supervisor James Pearson-----	Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----	Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----	Yes

b. Public Hearing for Railroad Closing

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, said the County must set up a public hearing for the closing of the public railroad crossing at Goodman Road, and at Third Street, with First Street and Sullivan Street to be improved. The County Administrator recommended setting up the hearing on September 2, 1997.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis

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seconded the motion to set up a public hearing for the closing of the IC Railroad crossing at Goodman Road and at Third Street on September 2, 1997. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James Pearson-----Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

c. Need for Additional Personnel

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed said that Carol Hurt, an employee in his department is out on leave for an emergency operation and would be out three to four weeks. Mr. Reed said he needs to hire either a temporary or part time person in his department. The Board of Supervisors discussed the issue and instructed the County Administrator to hire a part time person.

2. Supervisor Jessie Medlin

a. Water Truck

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the Road Manager was out of town, and while he has been gone the water truck broke down. Since the other water truck was sold the employee left in charge is working to obtain a water truck, possibly through the temporary use of a fire truck.

b. Collection on County Roads

Supervisor Jessie Medlin reminded the Board of Supervisors about a letter they have received concerning the collection of donations at roadblocks on roads in the County. The danger involved in these collections was discussed.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to eliminate all solicitations on County roads. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James Pearson-----Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

3. Sheriff James Albert Riley

a. Purchase of truck for Civil Defense

Sheriff James Albert Riley notified the Board of Supervisors that because their current pickup truck is broken down and not cost effective to repair, Civil Defense cannot respond to search and rescue calls which require the boat or other such equipment. Sheriff Riley said he has money available in his budget for the purchase, but because of the nature of the situation, there is not time to bid out the purchase.

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Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the Sheriff's Department to purchase a truck on the state contract for Civil Defense. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James Pearson-----Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The executive session portions of these minutes are recorded under the portion of the minutes called "Executive Session".

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to recess until Wednesday, August 13, 1997, at 9:00. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James Pearson-----Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

THIS the 6th day of August, 1997, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

JOHN M. M. CALDWELL, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors